

- **97% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 38% very significant
 - 40% quite significant
 - 19% somewhat significant

- **80% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**

- **41% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
 - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment – 48%
 - Trespass – 37%
 - Animal rights activism – 37%
 - Theft from an outbuilding – 32%
 - Fly-tipping – 31%
 - Attacks by dogs on livestock eg. sheep worrying – 30%

- **20% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 65% thought it would be a waste of time / no point
 - 45% thought police could not have done anything
 - 20% too trivial / not worth reporting

- **67% of those who reported crimes were dissatisfied with the police response**

- **The crimes which police should be tackling in rural communities in order of priority are:**
 1. Agricultural machinery theft
 2. Fly-tipping
 3. Livestock rustling
 4. Harassment

- **51% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (69%) and being a victim of crime (32%)**
 - 81% security lighting
 - 69% vehicles always locked and key secured when not in use
 - 60% keep gates secured/installed or maintained fences and hedges

- **49% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**

- **60% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012**

- **40% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**